Program News

News From Department of Natural Resources

Outdoor Burning Permits Available

Although it is winter, outdoor burning permits are still required with the following exceptions.

1) Small recreational fires.
2) Ceremonial fires.

All other fires require a permit from the Chehalis Tribal Department of Natural Resources. A friendly reminder that only yard waste can be burned. Please don’t burn lumber, garbage, furniture or other man made products.

Fireweed

There is still plenty of fireweed that is for tribal members only. If you need wood please come by the Department of Natural Resources and get a wood cutting permit. The permit is free and the logs are behind the water towers and ready to be cut. Two cord limit per person.

Got Goats?
The Department of Natural Resources would like to find someone that has goats and/or sheep to graze the grass and blackberries at the fish hatchery. The area around the settling pond is in need of grazing and we prefer to use natural methods of control instead of chemical control. So if you need some place to graze your goats, please contact someone at The Department of Natural Resources.

Program Available For Your Child Care Needs

The Chehalis Tribal Day Care is a fully licensed day care. Spots are available for children ages 6-weeks -5 years old. We are getting a lot of children please come in and apply.

Drop off care for Tribal Members is $20.00 for full day and $10.00 for a half day. Please come in any time to see how the children are doing. It is very important that we remember to sign the children in and out, we also will ask to see ID if we don’t know who the person is, just for your child’s protection.

Please contact Evelyn Kalama, Child Care Coordinator at 360-709-1889 if you are interested in using our program to assist you with your child care needs.

Insurance Available Through Home Owners/ Tenants Program to Protect Your Property

The Chehalis Tribal Housing Authority has information and applications for the AMERIND Title I Native Home Ownership Program or the AMERIND Native American Shield. This insurance coverage covers dwellings, other structures (garages, barns, tool sheds etc) and personal property. This program is available to Native American Homeowners and Rental Tenants living within the boundaries of the Reservation. For an application and additional information stop by the Housing Office.

Home Buyer Opportunity

CTHA is offering this home for sale to Tribal members, page 2

Clinic news about benefits of dental care, part 2

Tribal members, part 5; Featured Rodney Youckton

Basketball League Encourage Native Youth to Live Healthy Lifestyles Through Sports and Education

By Greg Harrison, Tribal Consultant

On Monday night, February 7, the Chehalis boys’ High School basketball team played a tough Nisqually team in the recently formed Inter-Tribal Basketball League. Chehalis won 86-45. Nisqually also played travelling a traveling Muckleshoot Jr. High School team.

The Inter-Tribal League was formed in the fall of 2010 by seven Tribes, namely, Chehalis, Muckleshoot, Nisqually, Puyallup, Skokomish, Squaxin Island and Suquamish Tribes. The league is in its second 10 week season. At the end of each season all teams get together and play in a jamboree style tournament. Members and coaches in the following: Tony Medina, Chehalis; Mike Starr, Kelvin Barn; and Mike John, Muckleshoot; Bill Kallappa, Greg Harrison, Faron McCloud from Nisqually, Phillip Dillon from Puyallup, Jermaine Raham of Squaxin Island; Torre Grover and Patty Gouley from Skokomish; and Craig Miller and Madelena Turreita from Suquamish Tribe.

The Inter-Tribal League was formed with the intent of having native youth play and other natives from Tribal communities throughout the Northwest. The league is drug and alcohol free promoting healthy lifestyles, sportsmanship, engaging community members, and increasing school attendance. See Basketball, page 4

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Elders learn new recipes
The Book “Glimpses of Gate” shares neighbors memories of past Chehalis Reservation people, part 2
Casino Management Program for Tribal members, part 5; Featured Rodney Youckton

New Airboat Will Help Save Lives During Flood Emergencies

By Fred Shortman, Editor

The Chehalis Tribal Law Enforcement has purchased a new Air Boat for the Search and Rescue Team. The boat was custom made to fit the Search and Rescue Teams needs. They’ve built many airboats, but this one is the first to have a drop down front end and also fitted with an outboard motor. This airboat can travel on both land and water, so it can get places that are too diverse for quads, trucks or boats.

Creating a new tool enhancing the Search and Rescue Team’s opportunities to save lives for the community.

The special specs requested were to use this airboat to handle emergencies required during flooding. Not just for our community’s emergencies, but to assist other local agencies including Skagit, Grays Harbor and Lewis County. Training has already begun as the airboat will have a three man team to assist in its needs. The Search and Rescue team must work in unison in order not to become another victim to the elements. 

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Protect Your Family by Preventing Potential Dangers That Cause House Fires

House fires are not particular about their victims, and the fact that house fires can happen to anyone, has led some to believe that the potential dangers of house fires is something that everyone should be educated about.

Approximately 5.4 million Americans die each year in fires, and 80 percent of those deaths result from home fires, according to the U.S. Fire Administration. In fact fire’s kill more people each year than all natural disasters combined.

Check your smoke detectors and establish escape routes to help protect your family in case of a fire. This can be life savers and should be installed throughout the home. You should replace the smoke detectors batteries twice a year. It’s also not a bad idea to have an all-purpose fire extinguisher in your kitchen, one that is rated for grease and electrical fires.

Make at least two alternate escape routes in the event one route becomes blocked by fire. All members living in the house should know about all escape routes in the home and everyone should have a meeting place so that it is known that everyone has made it out safely.

Common causes of house fires. Cigarettes are a leading cause of house fires. Three out of four injured people die in those fires. Prevention

- Never smoke while lying down on a couch or in bed.
- Check under chairs and sofas for cushions that might burn if you are about to go to sleep.
- Wet cigarette butts, ashes, and matches before dumping ashtrays.
- Extinguish cigarettes in an ashtray when leaving the room.
- Use large, deep ashtrays.

Cooking does not seem dangerous but it causes many injuries to adults as well as children. It can also cause house fires. Prevention

- Stay in the kitchen while cooking.
- Keep pan and pot handles turned in to one another while cooking. Do not let them touch the stove.
- Wet cigarette butts, ashes, and matches before dumping ashtrays.
- Extinguish the fire in an ashtray when leaving the room.
- Use large, deep ashtrays.

Health Equipment such as space heaters, gas stoves, wood stoves, and fireplaces cause many fires, mostly in winter. Prevention

- Plugugs, stoves, and fireplaces at least 3 feet from everything that burns, such as: sofas, curtains, beds, clothes, walls, and blankets.
- Watch children closely while in rooms with space heaters.
- Use screens in front of fireplaces. Put ashes in wood stoves and fireplaces in a metal container and place outside.
- If a heater uses fluid like propane or kerosene, use only that kind of fuel. Add fuel only when the heater is cool.
- Properly maintain heating equipment. Have chimneys cleaned every year.

Children playing with fire are a major cause of house fires. Nearly three out of four people killed in those fires were under the age of 5 years old.

Please help spread a winter safety message that can help prevent serious injury. Every winter we see house fires and burns caused by candles, fireplaces and space heaters, which are often used to heat or light homes during the colder days of winter.

Hospitals burn centers say that at least one-third of their patients are under the age of 4 years. Children are curious and will touch just about anything that catches their eye, but very young children don’t have the reflexes to remove their hand quickly when they touch something hot.

Prevention

- Teach your children:
  - That fire is a tool and not a toy.
  - To tell you if they find matches and lighters.
  - To never stick objects into space heaters, fire places, gas heaters, or any open flame.
  - Always keep matches and lighters out of the hands of children.

Hot Spots in a home can cause a fire. With little effort or cost, you could save your home and your life.

Prevention

- Extinguish (blow out) candles before leaving the room.
- Use electricity responsibly. Too many plugs in wall sockets or overloaded extension cords are fire dangers.
- Replace cracked or frayed (split) electrical cords.
- Keep liquids that burn easily, like gasoline, paint thinner, outside in closed metal containers.

A living will is a clear statement about wishes regarding artificial life support. If a person’s brain is dead yet the body remains functioning only with the help of machines, they have the right to make decisions regarding care. A durable power of attorney gives a person, or people, authority to manage finances and other legal affairs if the person needing care is not capable of managing these. It can be long-term or short-term and allows the party that has the power to use money to provide care, sign tax returns, handle investments and other important matters.

A health care power of attorney allows the person designated to care for family members when they are unable to make these decisions for themselves. Of course, they will need to create powers of attorney before they are actually needed. The power of attorney can provide these powers of attorney.

Selecting An Insurance Provider

Long-term care insurance is becoming increasingly important because all policies are different. You will need to find a policy that will fit your particular needs and budget. With the wide variety of services that are available, choosing the right insurance provider can be difficult. There are a few facts, however, that will help you decide.

- How do you pay the charges and receive reimbursement?
- Who determines if the patient needs home health care or nursing home care?
- Does the Insurance company provide vision or dental care?
- Does the policy cover Alzheimer’s disease and related disorders?

The Legalities of Elder Care

- When you assume care of an elderly relative, there are many legal documents and formalities that may be necessary to complete.
- Should you take care of the patient at home, or should you move the patient to a nursing home? If the person under your care are unable to make decisions for themselves, you will need to have them power of attorney to make these decisions for them. Of course, they will need to create powers of attorney before they are actually needed.
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If you are interested in College this next fall, I would like to see you at the Chehalis Tribal Scholarship Packet. And that will be the time for you to apply for admissions to the school of choice. With most universities they have deadlines, but with your college quarter starts. If college is not you’re interested in, then now would be a great time to start thinking of other educational goals like technical school, or a vocational program.

The first week you completed you’ taxes this year you could also think about filing for your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) www.fafsa.ed.gov.

If you are college ready, I can assist you in applying for scholarships. There are many scholarships available to you, and I have been working on putting together a list for you. You may or may not be college ready, but we can work on that.

If you have any questions at all, please contact me at 360-709-1698 or email: Rmendez@chelalthistribal.org.

My name is Rodney Youckton. I began the Executive Tribal Development Program in July 2005. I began the Executive Tribal Development Program in July 2005 and have been working with the Chehalis Tribe, my eventual goal is to become the General Manager of the Lucky Eagle Casino. As I pursue my long-term goal, there are many short-term goals that I hope to work on along with the leadership of the Tribe.

I have celebrated many accomplishments since joining the development program. In 2005 I completed the nine-month Leadership Thurston County program. Later, in preparation for several important classes, I was enrolled in the Evergreen State College and graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in June 2009. I attended workshops at the University of Nevada at Reno and received certifications of completion for Security and Title 31 workshops. In April 2010, I completed a 12-week Dale Carnegie program on Communication and Human Relations which helped me conquer one of my greatest fears - public speaking. John Cameron in Bainbridge has also taught me valuable speaking skills that have proven very helpful when standing before small and large gatherings in the community.

My area of expertise is in the fields of Community Relations, Human Resources, and organizational development. I am currently serving on the boards of the Big Brothers/Big Sisters Native American Advisory, Boys & Girls Club, Thurston County Juvenile Justice Coalition, and other organizations.

I continue to attend casino-related conferences and workshops and have served as a mediator on several occasions. I am currently involved with the Community Relations, Human Resources, and training programs.

I believe you are a leader and are interested in becoming involved in your community. You have often said that it is our responsibility to share our gifts - our time, resources and expertise - with others, and I take this sentiment to heart. I have become involved with non-profit organizations and other tribes and have spent many hours working and interacting with other tribes so that we may become a united tribally. I enjoy being involved in my community.

My long-term goal is to become the General Manager of the Lucky Eagle Casino. As I pursue my long-term goal, there are many short-term goals to achieve.

Thank you very much for your time, and I look forward to seeing you soon.

The next requested class from some of the Tribal Members is Tamale Cooking class. She is looking forward to adding this delicious recipe to her family’s dinners.

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Updating Your BIA IIM Account May Result in Financial Reward

Do you have an IIM Account with the Bureau of Indian Affairs? You should be receiving paperwork in the mail for many that do have an account with the Olympic Peninsula Agency. The $1.4 billion Cobell v. Salazar Settlement 90-day Class Notice period began on January 20, 2010.

This historic class action settlement with the federal government concerns Individual Indian Money (or IIM) accounts and land held in trust by the federal government for the benefit of individual Indians. Below is an attached release that outlines how affected beneficiaries can receive benefits under the Settlement. Approximately 300,000 Class Members are covered by the Settlement. As a tribal publication whose audience is comprised of many potential beneficiaries, I implore you to help us update them about the settlement with coverage that includes the following information: Individual Indians unsure if they are included in the settlement can go to www.INDIANTRUST.COM or call toll free 800-761-6308 for more information about the lawsuit and settlement, including rights, obligations, and claim forms. This Settlement resolves the government’s failure to provide an historic accounting for IIM accounts and also resolves claims that the government mismanaged funds and other trust assets, including royalties owed to individual Indians for oil, gas, grazing, and other leases of non-tribal Indian lands.

By the Numbers

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A majority of Class Members are currently estimated to receive payments totaling about $1,800, with some Class Members receiving much more depending on the level of activity in their IIM accounts.

$5.9 billion will be used by the Department of the Interior to buy small interests in trust or restricted lands from individual Indians willing to sell their fractionated land for return to tribal use.

Up to $60 million of the $1.9 billion will be made available to provide higher education scholarships for American Indian and Alaska Native youth.

Two Classes Eligible to Receive Money from the Settlement:

The Historical Accounting Class: Individual Indians who had at least one cash transaction in an open IIM account between October 25, 1994 and September 30, 2009.

The Trust Administration Class: Individual Indians who owned trust land as of September 30, 2009 or who had an IIM account at any point in time between 1985 and September 30, 2009. Estates of deceased Class Members may also be eligible to receive money.

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There are more inter-Tribal games in this season, all of which are played on Monday nights. For a schedule contact your local youth program or get a copy from Bill Mallauer and he can be reached at 360-455-5213 Ext. 113.

Chehalis Tribal Community Baseball Complex

Chehalis Tribal Community Baseball Complex located by the Community Center on Secena Road.

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Graduates of the Tribal Management Training Program received their certificates for completing their 49 week course at Tacoma Community College. Pictured top row (L-R) are David DuPuis, Irene Adams, Robert “Dave” Paul, Daryl Boyd, Vanessa Youckton, Henrietta Boyd. Middle row (L-R) are Stephanie Pickernell, James Pickernell, Jesse Goddard, Lucy Hill, Angela Whitlock, Rachelle Wells, Tasha Goddard. Bottom row (L-R) Kathy Pickernell, Giles Youckton, Calvin Bray, Courtney Wright. Not pictured is Jerry Aldrich.

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